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(As Amended)

38. The structure of claim 36, further comprising a conductive contact material formed relative to the diffusion barrier layer.

Remarks

Please enter the above amendments. Claims 1-26 have been cancelled. Claim 30 has been amended. Therefore, claims 27-38 are pending in the above-identified application.


Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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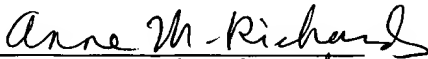
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